

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2668 - SB 2773

February 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any county located in an attainment area that has failed to meet federal air quality standards to initiate or participate in the creation of a regional authority to regulate air contaminant sources and establish air quality standards for participating counties. Specifies that such authority shall only have primacy in counties that have voluntarily submitted to be governed by the standards and regulations established by the authority. Provides that such authority is subject to the provisions in current law governing interlocal cooperation (T.C.A. Title 12, Chapter 9).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent regional air quality authorities are established under the provisions of the bill, there will be administrative costs associated with staffing the authority, monitoring compliance with regulations, and carrying out other programs undertaken by the authority. Revenues of the authority may come from grant funds, local contributions for participation, and permit fees charged to air pollution sources. Once such authority is established and programs begun, these expenses and revenues are estimated to exceed \$100,000. Any contribution or participation by a local governmental entity is voluntary.

NOTE: Bill refers to counties in attainment areas that have failed to meet federal air quality standards. By federal definition, an area that has failed to meet air quality standards is designated as a "non-attainment" area.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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